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1. A certain number of military scientific research institutes, the activities of which are kept very secret, exist in Moscow.
2. One such institute is known as NIKHI (Nauchno-Isledovatelny Khimicheski Institut Ministerstva Vooruzhennikh Sil -- Scientific Research Chemical Institute of the Ministry of Armed Forces). This institute is located in the Sokolniki district. It is known that in 1942 one branch, at least, of this institute was working on problems connected with the use of poison gases. The then chief or deputy chief was Colonel Korolev. The following chemists were employed at NIKHI as of August 1949: Shenker, Krasnova, Alekseyeva, and Popova.
3. Moscow scientific circles have a very low opinion of these military research laboratories, and civilian scientists maintain that the military scientific research organization conceals its very poor results behind a screen of secrecy.

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